

Abstract

This diploma thesis deals with the topic of the newly acquired freedom in Czechoslovakia after the “Velvet Revolution” in 1989 in reflection of the men from the Czech regions. Attention is drawn to meaning and use of the freedom in the context of an individual who did not participate in political negotiations, but lived and experienced the times as an ordinary citizen. Therefore the work is based on the definition of a sociological term called Thomas theorem and focuses on perceiving of the newly acquired freedom as a new opportunity, primarily in the economic field.

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